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1. Planned production and actual production of sulphuric acid:

	Planned (in tons)	Actual
1st Quarter of 1947	3,700 (sic)	19,492
2nd " " "	28,200	25,739
3rd " " "	33,600	31,432
4th " " "	31,100	28,500*
1st Quarter of 1948	32,600	105,163

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(*Estimated on the basis of October production of 9,765 tons and November production of 9,398.)

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The above figures include the output of both German and Soviet AG plants. This is probably true with regard to the figures for the first three quarters of 1947. Planned production for the fourth quarter of 1947, however, probably only takes into account the potential output of German plants. The estimated actual production on the other hand, would seem to include Soviet AG production.

The Soviet AG structure includes only one sulphuric acid plant: the one maintained by I.G. Farben at Wolfen. During the first half of 1947 this unit produced between 1,100 and 1,200 tons of acid per month.

2. Sulphuric acid requirements (in tons):

	June-Dec. 1946	1st Quarter 1947	2nd Quarter 1947	3rd Quarter 1947
Total requirements:	44,971	20,880	25,671	26,467
Chemical industry:	19,454	7,308	14,489	14,751
Textile industry:	15,480	6,950	4,925	5,920
Metal-working and metallurgical industries	667	465	466	468

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June-Dec. 1946	1st Quarter 1947	2nd Quarter 1947	3rd Quarter 1947
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Total requirements:

Petroleum industry:	330	102	108	156
Food processing "	320	324	338	176
Commerce :	1,492	724	702	702
Soviet AGs :	7,238	4,981	4,483	4,309

3. Allocations of sulphuric acid (in tons):

June-Dec. 1946	1st Quarter 1947	2nd Quarter 1947	3rd Quarter 1947
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Total allocations:	: 44,242	18,860	20,863	22,292
Chemical industry:	: 19,319	7,278	12,688	11,746
Textile industry:	: 15,424	6,480	4,344	5,710
Metal-working and metallurgical industries:	667	396	294	328
Petroleum industry:	230	96	96	156
Food processing industry:	320	266	304	136
Commerce :	1,450	666	526	517
Soviet AGs :	6,832	3,778	2,611	3,699

4. Consumption of sulphuric acid (in tons):

June-Dec. 1946	1st Quarter 1947	2nd Quarter 1947	3rd Quarter 1947
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Total consumption:	58,945	8,622	19,936	18,920
Chemical industry:	24,157	2,238	10,237	9,676
Textile industry	22,249	3,050	5,030	4,750
Metal-working and metallurgical industries	872	68	267	185
Petroleum industry	241	74	77	161
Food processing:	675	143	149	158
Commerce	1,779	565	474	482
Soviet AGs	8,972	2,464	3,702	3,568

5. Allocations of sulphuric acid for the first quarter of 1948:

Superphosphates industry	16,200 tons
Other chemical industries	3,000 "
Synthetic fiber industry	4,000 "
Other German consumers	1,400 "
Soviet AGs	8,000 "
Total	32,600 "

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